



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Inoue et al.

Serial No.: 09/987,194

Group Art Unit: 3627

Filed: November 13, 2001 **Examiner:** Gerald J. O'Connor

For: SYSTEM FOR PURCHASE MANAGEMENT AND FOR FACILITATING
DISTRIBUTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 9-22 have been withdrawn. Of the remaining claims, claims 1 and 23 are independent.